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in Jackets win / **D1**

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THE RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

Witness, but to what?

Flynn, guilty
of lying to FBI,
is cooperating
with Mueller

By Greg Gordon, Ben Wieder
and Peter Stone
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Retired
Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn's
guilty plea Friday signals

that he already has provided
federal prosecutors with
incriminating informa-
tion about President Donald
Trump or senior members
of his inner circle, mark-
ing an explosive turn in the

investigation into whether
Trump's 2016 campaign col-
laborated in Russia's election
meddling, legal experts said.
The former national

SEE WITNESS, A6

SENATE GOP PLAN

Tax-bill debate drags on

By Jack Torry
The Columbus Dispatch

WASHINGTON — Faced
with impatient conservative
voters demanding results,
Senate Republicans were
poised early today to approve
a major overhaul of the
nation's tax code by slash-
ing tax rates on corporations,
small businesses and many
individuals while scrap-
ping dozens of long-time
deductions.

Brushing aside objections
from Democrats that the bill
provides a massive tax cut for
the wealthy, and discounting
nonpartisan reports that the
measure will add staggering
amounts of new federal debt,
Senate Republicans were
close to rounding up the 51
votes they needed to pass the
bill. But after a day of tweaks
and amendments, the cham-
ber still had not yet voted on
the bill as midnight passed.

If the Senate passes the bill,
a conference committee of

SEE BILL, A8

Pickerington Central wins state title



Pickerington Central players hold up their Division I state football championship trophy after defeat-
ing Mentor 56-28 Friday night at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton. It is the first state
championship for the Tigers, who were led by sophomore quarterback Demeatric Crenshaw's record
six touchdowns. Story on Page D1. [BROOKE LAVALLEY/DISPATCH]

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OPIOID CRISIS

Some drug suppliers don't comply with AG

By Randy Ludlow
The Columbus Dispatch

Attorney General Mike
DeWine was only half suc-
cessful in his demand that
eight drug manufacturers and



DeWine

distributors
begin nego-
tiations toward a
monetary settle-
ment to improve
opioid treatment
and prevention
in Ohio.

Saying the
companies must pay their "fair
share" for deaths caused and
addicts created, DeWine on
Oct. 30 gave the drugmak-
ers and distributors 30 days
to begin discussions. The
responses were mixed when
the deadline arrived Tuesday.

Four of the companies
— manufacturers Teva and
Allergan and distributors
McKesson and Amerisource-
Bergen — responded that they
are willing to begin talks with
DeWine's office.

Another three — drug-
makers Purdue Pharma and
Endo, and Dublin-based

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